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Title: Need to include 'Thulu' language in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitution - laid.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Thulu Language is one of the most important languages in Dravidian culture and having more than 2000 years heritage. More than 50 lakh people using this language are residing at Kasargod District in Kerala and Mangalore, Udupi and some parts of Kodagu district in Karnataka state.

The main source of income for these people is agriculture, handicrafts and collecting yield from the forest. They are protecting their culture by conducting folk dance, Paddhana, Sandi, Bootharadhana etc. Even though Government has taken several steps to improve the social and economic life of these people but due to the language problem these people are unable to come into mainstream. Therefore, it is necessary to constitute a Thulu Academy to protect the Thulu language and its culture.

Thulu language is included in 123 languages recognized by America. But unfortunately, this language is not incorporated in the 8th Schedule to the Indian Constitution. Hence, Thulu language should be included in 8th Schedule to the Constitution.